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1. WHILE WE NOTE THAT SEVERAL SUGGESTIONS CONTAINED IN
REF A HAVE BEEN ADDED TO DRAFT NUMBER 3 OF THE COMMUNIQUE,
YOU SHOULD USE INFORMATION BELOW IN CONTINUING TO PRESS
FOR ADOPTION OF REMAINING ITEMS FROM REF A.

2. CONVENTIONAL BALANCE FOR DETERRENCE (PARA 2 OF REF A).
ALTHOUGH ADDRESSED IN PASSING AS PART OF THE BRACKETED
LANGUAGE IN PARAS 5 AND 15 OF DRAFT, WE FEEL THAT STRONGER
LANGUAGE IS NEEDED. MISSION SHOULD SEEK TO INCLUDE SUB-
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STANCE OF PARA 2 OF REF A.

3. ASSESSMENT OF THE BALANCE (PARA 5 OF REF B). MISSION SHOULD SEEK TO HAVE BRACKETS REMOVED. WE BELIEVE IDENTIFICATION OF SUCH AREAS FOR IMPROVEMENT IS IMPORTANT TO A CONTINUING AND REALISTIC ASSESSMENT OF THE BALANCE.

4. STANDARDIZATION (PARA 8 OF REF B). THE PRESENT DRAFT IMPLIES NO PROGRESS IN THIS AREA AND CALLING FOR A PROGRESS REPORT IMPLIES FURTHER PROCRASTINATION ON THE ISSUE. IDENTIFYING SPECIFIC SYSTEMS FOR STANDARDIZATION, AS PROPOSED IN REF A, AND SETTING A DATE FOR POSSIBLE DECISION WOULD STRENGTHEN THIS SECTION WITHOUT COMMITTING NATIONS TO ANY DECISIONS. MORE IMPORTANTLY, THE SPECIFIC LANGUAGE WE PROPOSE WOULD SERVE NOTICE TO VARIOUS NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, MILITARY AND INDUSTRIAL, THAT NATO IS SERIOUS ABOUT STANDARDIZATION.

5. INFRASTRUCTURE (PARA 10, REF B). THE CHANGE PROPOSED IN REF B IS BASED ON THE MISTAKEN BELIEF THAT THE US IS REQUESTING QUOTE A SUBSTANTIAL REDUCTION UNQUOTE OF ITS SHARE. OUR PROPOSAL ON THIS POINT IN REF A REPRESENTS THE CORRECT US POSITION, I.E. THAT COST-SHARING NEGOTIATIONS SHOULD RESULT IN A CONTINUATION REPEAT CONTINUATION OF AN EFFECTIVE US SHARE OF TWENTY PERCENT. COMMUNIQUE SHOULD REFLECT CORRECT SITUATION.

6. BALANCE OF PAYMENTS (PARA 12 OF REF B). THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A MECHANISM FOR MONITORING THESE EXPENDITURES ON A CONTINUING BASIS APPEARS TO BE A REASONABLE EXPECTATION OF THE MINISTERIALS AND ONE THAT SHOULD BE REFLECTED IN THE COMMUNIQUE. OUR SUGGESTED LANGUAGE WOULD ASSIST IN DISPELLING CRITICISM REGARDING US BOP PROBLEMS RESULTING FROM THE STATIONING OF TROOPS IN EUROPE. IN ADDITION, IT WOULD PROVIDE THE MACHINERY NEEDED TO KEEP CONTINUOUS ACCOUNT OF THESE ASSOCIATED ALLIED EXPENDITURES SO THAT IN THE FUTURE THE US GOVERNMENT WILL BE IN A BETTER POSITION TO DEFEND ITS EXPENDITURES IN EUROPE.

7. MINISTERIAL GUIDANCE (PARA 15 OF REF B). WE EXPECT TO DISCUSS THE NEED FOR MORE SPECIFIC MINISTERIAL

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GUIDANCE DURING THE RESTRICTED SESSION. WE WISH TO HAVE A REFERENCE TO THIS SUBJECT IN THE COMMUNIQUE. MORE IMPORTANTLY, THE DEFICIENCIES UNCOVERED WITH RESPECT TO MINISTERIAL GUIDANCE DURING THE DEVELOPMENT OF NATO FORCE GOALS INDICATE THAT SOME CORRECTIVE ACTION IS NEEDED AND OUR PROPOSAL IN REF A POINTS OUT THIS NEED FOR ACTION.

8. AIRBORN EARLY WARNING. OUR SUGGESTED LANGUAGE OF REF

A SHOULD BE ADDED TO THE COMMUNIQUE IN ORDER TO POINT OUT THE NEED FOR DECISION ON THIS CRITICAL SYSTEM IN THE VERY NEAR FUTURE.

9. ALTHOUGH WE WOULD PREFER TO HAVE THESE MATTERS INCLUDED IN THE COMMUNIQUE, WE REALIZE THAT YOU WILL FACE SOME OBJECTIONS TO PUBLICIZING ALL THESE ISSUES. AS AN ALTERNATIVE, YOU COULD SUGGEST THAT SOME OF THESE ITEMS BE INCLUDED IN THE DECISION DOCUMENT. THIS WOULD BE APPROPRIATE, PARTICULARLY FOR THOSE PROPOSALS LISTING SPECIFIC WEAPON SYSTEMS AND DECISION DATES. FOR THE PRESENT, HOWEVER, THE US SUGGESTION SHOULD BE RETAINED IN THE DRAFT COMMUNIQUE SO THAT MINISTERS HAVE THE OPTION

OF AGREEING TO THEIR INCLUSION IN THE COMMUNIQUE OR THE DECISION PAPER.

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